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Application Number : 10/534,055 Confirmation No.: 2702
Applicant : George P. TEITELBAUM, *et al.*
Filed : March 25, 2003
Title : TRANSPEDICULAR INTERVERTEBRAL DISK ACCESS METHODS AND
DEVICES
TC/Art Unit : Unassigned
Examiner: : Unassigned

Docket No. : 64118.000192 (MED-032 US)
Customer No. : 70813

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Under the authority of 37 C.F.R. §1.181(A), and in accordance with MPEP §711.03(c)(I) applicants respectfully petition the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) to withdraw the improper abandonment of the above-captioned application due to PTO's error.

The PTO mailed a Notice of Abandonment on May 31, 2007 to the undersigned's prior firm, Hunton & Williams. The undersigned did not receive the Notice of Abandonment until sometime in July, 2007. This petition therefore is timely filed.

The Notice of Abandonment states that the application became abandoned because applicant failed to file timely to the second 37 CFR 1.47(a) decision mailed 01 August 2006.

Applicants timely responded, however, to the Decision on Renewed Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) received by Hunton and Williams LLC, on August 9, 2006 (no mailing date was on correspondence) by filing a Request for One-Month Extension of Time and Submission of Third Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) on October 11, 2006, via facsimile. Copies of the Notice of Abandonment, the complete filing on October 11, 2006, and the Acknowledgement of Receipt received from the United States Patent and Trademark Office, are enclosed for your convenience.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are due for filing this petition. In the event any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge all required fees, under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, or all required extension of time fees, to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 07-1700.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 8/10/07

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NOTIFICATION OF ABANDONMENT

The United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495) has made the following determination:

- Applicant has failed to file timely to the second 37 CFR 1.47(a) decision mailed 01 August 2006.

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Therefore, the above identified application failed to meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.495, and is ABANDONED AS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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<p>In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.57 and 1.58, I hereby certify that the attached correspondence entitled REQUEST FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME AND SUBMISSION OF THIRD PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(p) is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on Monday, October 2, 2006.</p>				
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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship is as stated below next to my name;

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TRANSPEDICULAR INTERVERTEBRAL DISK ACCESS METHODS AND DEVICES

the specification of which: ☐ is attached hereto.
☒ was filed on: May 6, 2005
as United States Application No.: 10/534,055
or PCT International Application No.: _____
and was amended on: _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119(a)-(d) or (f), or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below by checking the box, any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Application Number	Country	Date of Filing (day, month, year)	Date of Issue (day, month, year)	Priority Claimed	
PCT/US03/09285	PCT	25, March, 2003		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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Prior Provisional Application(s)

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)
60/424,942	8, November, 2002

Prior United States Application(s)

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)	Status - Patented, Pending, Abandoned

And I hereby appoint, both jointly and severally, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith the Hunton & Williams LLP attorneys and agents associated with:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine and imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

NAME OF SOLE OR FIRST INVENTOR:

☐ A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor

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NAME OF THIRD INVENTOR:

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Signature *Frank Nguyen* Date *Oct 09, 2006*
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NAME OF FIFTH INVENTOR:☐ A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor

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NAME OF SIXTH INVENTOR:☐ A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor

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NAME OF SEVENTH INVENTOR:☐ A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor

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**REQUEST FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME AND
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Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for responding to the Office Action mailed on August 1, 2006. Accordingly, the time for response will be extended up to and including November 1, 2006. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0206 \$250, part of which covers the one-month extension of time fee of \$120.

SUBMISSION OF THIRD PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)

Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Third Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) petitioning the Commissioner to accept its application Serial No. 10/534,055. Joint inventors George P. Teitelbaum, Samuel M. Shaolian, Thanh V. Nguyen, To V. Pham, Vincent Divino, Jr., Michael R. Henson, and Frank Nguyen have previously filed a Declaration. Attached is a signed Declaration by Frank Nguyen.

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Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0206 for the following fees:

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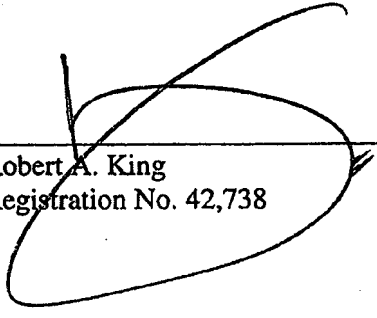
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Respectfully submitted,

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